GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RECRUITMENT OF POLICE PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the basic police units in various States;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the number of police stations in various States including Delhi and equip them to deal with terrorist attacks more effectively;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a large number of posts of police personnel in different States are lying vacant;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including NCT of Delhi;

(f) whether the Government has given any instructions to the State Governments to make recruitment of police personnel to fill up the vacant posts;

(g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISAWAL)

(a): The role of basic police units in various States is regulated by Police Act 1861 and state specific regulations.Some States have enacted new Police Act to cover this subject.

(b) & (c): The issue of creation of new police stations, relocating and merging of police stations, jurisdictions etc. by State/UT Governments is a continuous process depending upon operational and other considerations.As the 'Police' and 'law & order' are State subjects as per the VII Schedule to the Constitution of India, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to adequately equip its police forces in terms of manpower and support infrastructure. However,under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) and under a separate scheme for UTs, the State / UT Governments are being provided funds by this Ministry to build police infrastructure, including police station buildings and equipment to augment the capacity of state police forces to deal with terrorist and other threats.Specific information relating to Delhi is being collected.

(d) & (e): BPR&D has compiled information on the sanctioned and actual strength of the State Police Forces, as on 1.1.2007. The State-wise details are given at Annexure.

(f) to (h): While 'Police' and "law and order' are state subjects as per VII Schedule to the Constitution of India, the Central Government has been regularly urging the State Governments to augment the strength of their police forces.